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AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action of July 17, 2002, it is respectfully requested that the
Commissioner reconsider the rejections made in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the first paragraph of the specification at page 2, line 1 to read-

A1 CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the priority of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No.
60/216,449 filed July 6, 2000.

Please amend the Brief Description of the Drawings as follows-

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